

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Yamamoto et al.
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION CATALYST
FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

November 16, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with a copy of each identified document. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa B. Pendleton".

Melissa B. Pendleton
Registration No. 35,459

ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Post Office Drawer 34009
Charlotte, NC 28234-4009
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 331-6000
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 334-2014

"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EL618191810US
Date of Deposit: November 16, 2000

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace R. Ripp".
Grace R. Ripp

I've as many sheets as necessary

Filing Date

Concurrently Herewith

First Named Inventor

Yamamoto et al.

Group Art Unit

Examiner Name _____

Attorney Docket Number

035576/205324

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Foreign Patent Document | | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| | | Office ³ | Number ⁴ | Kind Code (if known) ⁵ | | | | |
| | 1 | JP | 3-157143 | | Nippon Shokubai Kagaku Kogyo Co Ltd | 07/05/1991 | Eng. Abstract | |
| | 2 | JP | 10-5603 | | Honda Motor Co Ltd Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co Ltd | 01/13/1998 | Eng. Abstract | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. **CLT01/4452750v1**

⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached